

November 10, 2003

Mr. Joshua Slen
Acting Director
Office of Vermont Health Access
103 South Main Street
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Dear Mr. Slen:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment submitted August 15, 2003, with additional information submitted on September 26, 2003, has been approved. This amendment revises the SCHIP State plan to increase the household premiums from \$50 per month to \$70 per family per month for families with income from 225 through 300 percent of the Federal poverty level.

Your title XXI project officer is Mr. Maurice Gagnon. He is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Mr. Gagnon's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Gagnon and Mr. Bruce Greenstein, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. Greenstein's address is:

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If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Thomas A. Scully

cc: CMS Region I, Boston